GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4110
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
REFUGEE IN CAMPS
Goel Shri Surendra Prakash

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of persons have taken shelter in refugee`s camps in Jammu due to the safety reasons despite having their own houses;

(b) if so, the numbers of persons living in refugee`s camps and since when; and

(c) the scheme formulated by the Government to resettle them in their own houses with safety and security and details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4110 FOR REPLY ON 23RD AUGUST 2005

(a) & (b): As per available information, 5778 families (21155 persons) are staying in Government managed camps since 1990 and thereafter.

(c): For their rehabilitation, State Government of Jammu and Kashmir prepared an Action Plan involving a total expenditure of Rs.2589.73 crores, which was approved by the Central Government in May 2001. 166 houses forming 15 clusters in Srinagar and Budgam districts, which are considered safe for the return of their owners, were identified. The list of these clusters was published in the newspapers and steps taken to identify the families and ascertain their willingness to return to their homes. Government of India have approved and provided a grant of Rs.10.00 crores to the State Government for the reconstruction and renovation of houses and shrines at Kheer Bhavani and Mattan and Rs.20.00 crores for the construction of 200 two-bed room flats at Budgam, on an experimental basis, for the rehabilitation of the migrant families.

As announced by the Prime Minister during the visit to Jammu & Kashmir in November 2004, an inter-ministerial team was constituted to prepare a plan to rehabilitate Kashmiri Migrants. The team have recommended various measures like construction of two-room tenements, creation of job opportunities, health care and other facilities to improve the living conditions of the migrants in the camps. Necessary action has been initiated to implement the recommendations.